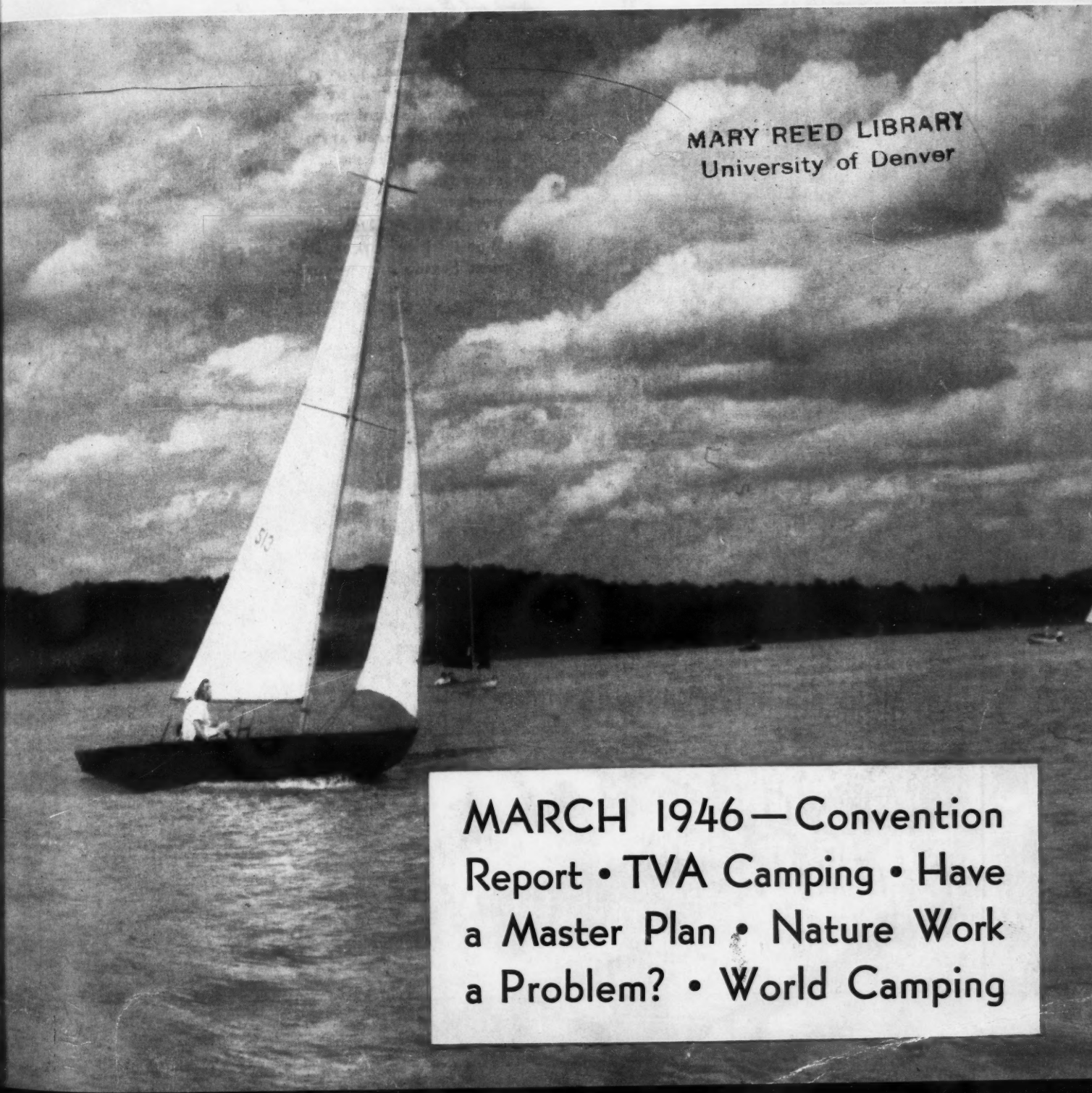


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Great ACA convention sets the stage for postwar camping progress

By Howard P. Galloway

Publisher, *Camping Magazine*

CAMP DIRECTORS have it within their power to make education more significant in the future than it has ever been in the past," Dr. Donnal V. Smith, president of New York State Teachers College, Cortland, N. Y., said in his keynote address to delegates attending the American Camping Assn. convention held February 13-16 at Hotel Statler, Boston. There were nearly 900 registrations for the convention, but the total attendance was swelled somewhat by numerous directors, exhibitors, campers and others who attended one or more sessions but were not included in the official count.

Continuing, Dr. Smith noted several "shortcomings of education" each of which, he said, would be vastly improved by extension of camping to the school

system. He stressed that he was referring to the addition of camping to present-day school methods, not a merger of the two. The shortcomings of education he listed as inflexibility, inability to develop adaptability in the individual, failure to impart a clear and basic understanding of our economic organization and administration as well as adjustment to technological and mechanical change, lack of means for recognition and stimulation of creative abilities in students, inability of mass education to develop individual economic, political and moral responsibility and failure to translate the idea of our democratic traditions into an actual living, working thing.

"These things must be restored to our young people," Dr. Smith said, adding that "in each, the

DR. FRITZ REDL (above) speaking to group which crowded main ball-room for one of convention's general sessions. (Right, top to bottom) Thelma Patterson, ACA Executive Secretary; Frank Bell, Chairman of Nominating Committee presenting the committee's report; Barbara Ellen Joy, ACA President; Mrs. C. P. Hulbert, ACA Secretary. Elmer F. Ott, new ACA Vice-President, making report as retiring Treasurer. Miss Joy, delivering annual President's Report. Frank Bell presenting Mrs. Hulbert with "new spring hat" composed of paper plate, tin can, knives and forks and other miscellaneous materials, while Marjorie Cooper and Juanita Luck look on. Mrs. Edward L. Gulick, one of honored group of "young old-timers" of camping, poses for photographer with Herbert Twining.



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out-of-doors offers peculiar solutions." Out-of-doors programs, he pointed out, are definitely flexible. Camp life is peculiarly able to build the power of adaptability. The true significance of economic activity is clearly demonstrated in camp life, and camps are peculiarly able to place responsibilities on individuals. Likewise, he said, camps are living examples of the American democratic tradition — "people living with people and people working with people."

Other speakers at this opening session were Mrs. Chauncey P. Hulbert, president of the New England ACA section and secretary of the national; Barbara Ellen Joy, ACA national president, who responded to Mrs. Hulbert's greetings; O. T. Gilmore, associate director of Greater Boston Community Council; and Hugh B. Masters, educational director of W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

Following the general session, delegates divided into small groups, attending five workshop sessions and five discussion groups which were held concurrently. This plan was adhered to

throughout the convention, with discussion groups and workshops held each day and the delegates coming together once or twice daily in general session. This report will confine itself to discussion of the general sessions; it is hoped later to report in some detail on the smaller group meetings, which were filled with meaty material on solving many of the practical problems of camp operation and philosophy.

Two seminar luncheons were held Thursday, with delegates divided between them. One, under chairmanship of Wes Klusmann, Boy Scouts of America, who is a past president of ACA, was devoted to discussion of "Holding Our Course to Enduring Values of Camp Life." The second luncheon, which was chaired by Frederick L. Guggenheimer, of Camp Winnebago, had for its theme "Relationship of Camping to Public Education."

At the first luncheon, honored guests were some of the "young old-timers" of camping. These included: Mrs. Edward L. Gulick, Aloha Camp; Miss Emily Welch, Camp Wabunaki; Mrs. Anna L. Dodge, Camp Quinnibek; Mrs.

Sara B. Hayes, Camp Bob White (now Camp Bob-O-Link); Alcott F. Elwell, Camp Mowglis; Frank E. Poland, Medomak Camp; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold M. Lehman, Camp Wigwam; and Dr. John P. Sprague, Camp Minocqua.

Mrs. Gulick, Miss Welch and Dr. Sprague made short talks, as did Herbert Twining, of Camp Al-Gon-Quian.

At the second luncheon, in addition to Mr. Guggenheimer's remarks as chairman, Dr. Helen Mackintosh, U. S. Office of Education; Julian Salomon, Girl Scouts; and Lloyd B. Sharp, Life Camps, contributed to the discussion.

"Using Human Resources in Camp Setting" was the topic for the second general session, which was presided over by president Joy and had for its chief speaker Fritz Redl, professor of group work at Wayne University, Detroit. A panel discussion followed, in which the following took part: E. DeAlton Partridge, New Jersey State Teachers College; Mrs. Donald McJannet, co-director of McJannet School and Camps in France; Mrs. Robert B. Owen, Play School Assn. of New York;

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Dr. Donnal V. Smith; and Dr. A. Warren Stearns, department of sociology, Tufts College.

"We should make it a point to pay as much attention to human nature as we do to other forms of nature in our camps," Redl told his listeners. In rapid-fire style with a beautiful blending of seriousness and humor, Redl offered three basic assumptions, that "science is not a sourpuss, human nature is also nature, and camp life is group life."

However, he said, we should remember that groups are composed of individuals, and an individual has the right to privacy if wanted. "There is such a thing," he remarked, "as so much group life that one gets a feeling at times that he cannot breathe anymore. An essential part of group life is to be out of it once in a while."

Business Meeting

Reports of ACA activities during the last year and projections of things to come featured the annual business meeting held Friday morning. "Experience from the Records" was presented by Mrs. Chauncey P. Hulbert, secretary, and Elmer F. Ott, treasurer.

Mrs. Hulbert traced the growth of ACA during the last two years, told how it had been put on a firm financial foundation, how a revamped and restaffed national office in Chicago has been established and how the association had adopted a new, stronger constitution. She also touched briefly on her approval of the association's move in placing responsibility for "Camping Magazine" in the hands of an organization with a background of successful publishing experience, on the formation of many new ACA sections and on the steady and continuing growth in membership in the association.

Ott, in his report, described organization of a financial committee to assist the treasurer in looking after the association's interests, told how the ACA budget had been balanced and revealed to the accompaniment of much applause that the last calendar year was closed with a balance of \$4000 in the bank. He was especially strong in pointing out that

the various sections have themselves done a fine financial job, and have cooperated excellently with the national office. Without their help, he said, it would have been impossible to submit the fine financial statement depicting the association's present status.

Thelma Patterson, executive secretary of ACA, was the next speaker. She reminded her listeners that "current progress of the ACA is simply the on-going of all the good work done by all the camping associations in the past. We have had our ups and downs," she said, "but there was always a continuing thread of activity—a spark of life—that kept alive the voice of Camping in America."

ACA membership is up 1,000 over that of a year ago, she revealed, and correspondence of the national office is now at a level of 1,000 letters per month—and still growing.

In her 17 months in office, she pointed out, she had had opportunity to visit 23 of ACA's 33 sections. Five new sections were formed, three others are on the verge of being chartered and five or six more are in early stages of formation.

"There is much happening in camping today," Miss Patterson said. "There will be much happening in the future. Our program is a fine, upstanding, daring one. We shall carry it through to full success."

Officers Nominated

Frank Bell, chairman of the nominating committee, next presented the committee's recommendations for new national officers. Elections to be held were vice president, for a two-year term; treasurer, for a two-year term; and secretary, for a one-year term. Reason for the varying lengths of terms is that under the new ACA constitution all officers serve for two years, with president and secretary, and vice-president and treasurer elected in alternate years. This year's election will bring expirations of all officers' terms into line with the new constitution.

Officers recommended by the committee and unanimously elected since there were no nomina-

tions from the floor were: vice-president, Elmer F. Ott, YMCA, Milwaukee, Wis.; treasurer, Victor L. Alm, Boy Scouts of America, Chicago; and secretary, Mrs. Chauncey P. Hulbert, Brookline, Mass. (reelected.)

President's Report

"Tasks Ahead: Unfinished and New," was the title of the president's annual report, presented by Barbara Ellen Joy. She voiced the opinion the next great expansion of the camping movement will come through the public school system, recommended a major campaign by ACA and its members to acquaint educators with camping's values, and urged that ACA promote college-level leadership-training courses.

She suggested that ACA arrange for closer collaboration with other associations having an interest in one or more phases of camping, pointing out that some very significant benefits for ACA might result from such an arrangement. She also said that for the future the national ACA office plans to offer an improved information service to members.

"ACA is poised on the brink of very important developments in camping and within the association itself," Miss Joy said in conclusion. "We need to develop a bolder and more daring approach to our problems, our responsibilities and our potential possibilities."

"Public Responsibility for Organized Camping" was the subject of a panel discussion at Friday's luncheon meeting. Under the chairmanship of O. T. Gilmore, a panel of seven presented its views on this topic. Panel members were as follows: Dr. Helen K. Mackintosh, U. S. Office of Education; Beatrice Hall, Division of Health Services, Children's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor; Juanita Luck, Social Service Division, Children's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor; Gertrude L. Warren, Extension Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture; Frederick L. Guggenheimer, Chairman of the ACA committee on relationships of camping to public education; Robert C. Robinson, Office of Community War Services; and



Dr. Ernest R. Caverly, Superintendent of Schools, Brookline, Mass.

Elbert K. Fretwell, chief executive, Boy Scouts of America, acted as toastmaster at the annual banquet held February 15, introducing the speakers of the occasion, James F. Powers, Massachusetts State Director of Conservation; Rev. Charles Noble, dean of Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.; and Hugh B. Masters.

The rocks, brooks, trees and mountains that surround so many of our campsites all have in them lessons for campers and camp directors as well, Noble said. One of the contributions of camping to social progress is the development of character in youngsters—watching over and guiding it as it gradually hardens like the rocks.

Mountains, he said, are like problems. Get your youngsters to feel that the mountains in life must be mastered not because of obligation, but for the same reason they like to climb mountains, just because the mountains are there.

Young people, like trees, he continued, need to put their roots down deep if they are to have strength and permanence. They need also to reach up to the light—physically and spiritually—as do the trees.

"People — youngsters and adults alike — are confused by these fast-moving times," Masters told the ACA members in his talk on the "Contributions of Camping to Social Progress." "Camping gives them a chance to get away, to live in the out-of-doors the simple, adventurous way of life, and thus to come to a clearer understanding of problems facing them and our country."

WES. H. KLUSMANN, (top) Past President of ACA, with Miss Emily Welch; (center) Barbara Ellen Joy, O. T. Gilmore, Associate Director of Boston Community Council and Dr. Donnal V. Smith, President of New York State Teachers College; (bottom) Juanita Luck, Social Service Division, Children's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor, Hugh B. Masters, Educational Director of W. K. Kellogg Foundation and George Donaldson.

Camping is making a contribution to the American home in that it gives young people an opportunity to adjust to living away from their parents, he said; at the same time it helps the parents at home to a fuller realization that the primary function of the home is to help prepare young people for the time when they eventually will leave that home and make their own way.

Two contributions which camping has yet to make were also outlined by the speaker. He said we must learn better to use the existing resources that are all around us, not selfishly but to develop the camping idea for the use of all Americans. We must, he urged, think out ways and means to extend camping to all the children of all the people, and to older people as well.

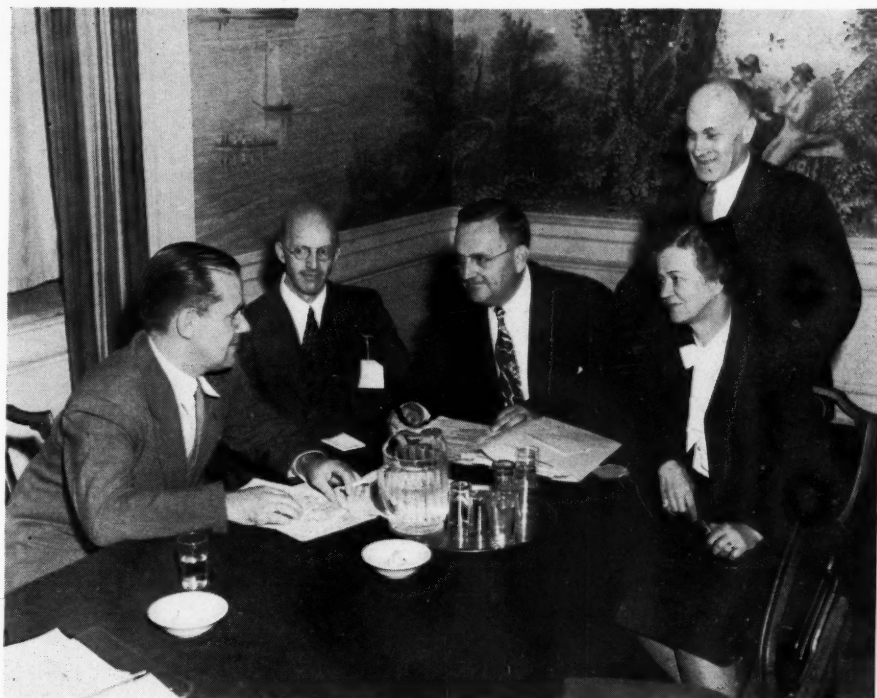
"The stakes are high in this game," Masters concluded. "If we can't practice this principle of sharing here, how can we expect it to be practiced throughout the world? Democracy, cooperation, respect for all races and creeds, patriotism—all these begin right with us."

"The Camping We Want"

Saturday morning's sessions, to which campers as well as camp directors were admitted, again brought to light much useful information. While directors were engaged in workshop sessions, a special campers' assembly was held to discuss the topic, "The Camping Experience We Want in 1946." In this open forum discussion, some 150 campers who attended enunciated the basic aim of camping as "getting to know each other and how to live together in the world after leaving camp."

As to awards for achievement, the campers agreed that awards given for living or improving up to a set standard are much better than competitive awards won by only one person, since they can be attained by anyone who will make the necessary effort, and offer equal opportunity to all.

The campers felt that more mixture in camps of different races, creeds and nationalities would be a good thing. They recommended more inter-camp



CONVENTION planning group: With Dr. Ross Allen (left) are A. Cooper Ballentine, Oscar Elwell, Roland Cobb and Mrs. Chauncey P. Hulbert

competitive sports; requested more and longer pioneering trips—"It is easier and better to learn by actually doing things and having to correct your own mistakes, rather than having somebody always there to do things for you"; and stated their belief that creation of desire in campers to accept their full responsibilities in camp is better than coercion.

Summary of workshop finding was presented in brief reports by Hugh B. Masters, George Donaldson, Marjorie Cooper, Margaret Lewis, George Miller and Juanita Luck. Perhaps a key to the findings of all the workshops is found in the statement of Miss Luck, "It is a major responsibility of camping leadership to make maximum use of its unique position to help each child become increasingly able to live effectively in a democratic society."

Alice Mansur Packard spoke on "The Enduring Power of Words," listing for her listeners many books of assistance and inspiration for camp directors and young people. Mark A. McCloskey, Director of Community Recreation, Board of Education, New York City, brought this large and inspiring convention to a fitting close with his talk on "My Ambitions for Camping."

Considerable credit for the success of the meeting should go to the New England Section, which sponsored the affair; to the Chairmen of the various convention committees and their co-workers; and to the some 50 exhibitors who displayed the latest in food, equipment, supplies and other materials needed by camp directors.

Officers of the New England Section are: president, Mrs. Hulbert; vice-president, S. Max Nelson; secretary, Ruth A. Hahn; and treasurer, Oscar L. Elwell.

Convention-committee chairmen are: general chairman, Roland H. Cobb; public relations and publicity, Orville H. Emmons; registration, Mrs. Estelle Smith Hall; room reservations, Howard C. Hoople and Carl C. Peterson; commercial exhibits, Oscar L. Elwell and Robert W. Boyden; finance, Arthur L. Hayden; membership, Ray E. Bassett and Bradford M. Bentley; hospitality and entertainment, Mrs. Donald King; program, A. Cooper Ballentine; national agency camps, Gilbert H. Roehrig; private camps, Clarence E. Allen; educational exhibits, Eugenia Parker, Margaret Chapman and Hope Allen; proceedings, Mrs. Ruth H. Griffin.

March is the time to —

Write the ACA office for latest available materials on leadership training, program planning and in-camp staff conferences.

Make a job analysis for each counselor and staff position and discuss the analysis with each employee.

Check the various health and accident policies offered by insurance companies and choose the one best suited to your needs.

Consult with county or district health officials in your camp area as to what procedure should be followed in the event an epidemic occurs in your camp.

Get ready your "Rules for Counselors" for distribution to staff members before camp opens.

Bring your folder on "Suggestions to Parents" up to date.

Write to ACA for a copy of "The Code of a Good Camper" for posting in your camp cabins.

Urge all your counselors to become "active" or "student" members of ACA through your Section.

Have fire-break roads or trails cut through wooded sections of your camp property.

Consider buying a portable gasoline operated water pump for fire-fighting, sprinkling and jettying your dock piles.

Write for the Boston Convention Proceedings. Address ACA, 343 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 4, Ill. Cost \$2.00.

Investigate the new mildew preventive for canvas and wood.

Plan your DDT campaign. Camps are eligible to buy it at wholesale prices.

Help set up Red Cross waterfront training schools for counselors in your area.

Remember that campers should not be used as "experimental tools" while they are in your care.

Secure self-rating questionnaires for your counselors to be used before camp opens and at the end of the fourth or fifth week of camp.

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They're Camping in the Valley

By Hugh Hoss

Tennessee Valley Administration

CAMPERS are finding new opportunities in the Tennessee Valley, a region of man-made lakes and parks where only woods, fields, and uncertain streams existed before.

Here is an area extending more than 650 miles through the Southland with long stretches of lake shore, few "Keep Out" signs to worry the canoeist or the hiker, and plenty of bays and inlets to delight the organization or club bent on establishing its own camp—whether it be a temporary tent area of the pioneer type or a

more elaborate layout with buildings and playfields. Much of the shore land suitable for such purposes is in public ownership.

The change has come about largely within the last twelve years as the result of a definite encouragement to recreation, a policy developed jointly by TVA which provided the lakes, and the states and local governments where they are located. TVA's chief concern, of course, is the control and improvement of a whole river and its watershed, with dams for flood control, navigation, and electric power, better agriculture and forestry for the people of the region, and improved economic opportunities. But hardly had the first dam been

started in 1933 when the prospect of a huge lake filling the valleys, where only unruly streams had flowed, awakened the people to the recreation potentialities of the region as a most valuable by-product of these new developments.

Each new dam has added its quota to the prospect until today the Tennessee River has become a series of nine connecting lakes stretching in a U-shaped arc from Kentucky Dam to Knoxville with seventeen other lakes on the river's eastern tributaries which extend fingerlike into the foothills of the Appalachian Mountain ranges.

The importance to recreation is not alone in the number and ex-

panse of the lake areas but also in the coves and inlets which make up the shores, providing harbors for boats both large and small, swimming areas, waterfronts for parks which extend into the scenic background, sites for summer cabins, and camp areas for organizations and clubs. Good camping requires water as well as a suitable land area, and now the Tennessee Valley has both. The rugged topography has been of assistance in this respect by providing an unusually long shore line. Norris Lake, for example, with a length of some 72 miles, has a total shore line of 800 miles, while the distance around the shores of all the lakes is approximately 10,000 miles, greater than the U. S. shore line of the Great Lakes or of the Atlantic Coast.

While the physical characteristics of the region, its face lifted by the creation of new waterways, are important, the attitude of the people and of those who guide the development of their recreational opportunities are of equal significance. Visitors to the Valley are impressed with the fact that this is a cooperative undertaking on the part of many agencies and persons, specifically TVA which provided the lakes and much of the shore lands, the states with their conservation and park plans, counties and cities which desire local recreation areas for their own people and for visitors within their gates, private enterprisers who wish to cater to the boatmen, hunters and fishers, and the many organizations and clubs which have taken eagerly to the new opportunities for group camp facilities.

TVA itself has neither authorization nor funds for full development of recreation facilities on its lakes. It depends, instead, upon the people's existing agencies for this important phase, with TVA cooperating in planning and allotment of land.

TVA has also made another substantial contribution.

"For the first time in the history of our country," says Howard Menhinick, TVA director of regional studies, "the interests of the public in recreation use of waters and related shore lands

has been adequately protected by public ownership of a portion of the shore line. The public is assured access for enjoyment of the facilities which its money has created."

These public shore lands, acquired in connection with the reservoirs of dams and used primarily for TVA programs, include areas tentatively reserved for such additional purposes as parks which may be leased to public agencies for nominal considerations, locations where semi-public groups may obtain land for group camps at slightly higher rentals, and areas for lease as private cottage sites and private club camps at a rental based on their value for the proposed use. The general principle applied is that the public interest comes first in choice of sites.

Not all the available recreational sites are on public land. Particularly on the more recently established lakes, there is considerable shore land in private ownership.

Demonstration Parks

In developing the new lake resources, TVA built a few demonstration parks and then turned to the people of the region, in effect saying, "We depend upon you, your local communities and counties, headed by the state governments, to develop these recreation resources. Here are some TVA shore lands which you can use, integrating them with other areas you own or may acquire."

Assumption of such responsibilities on the part of the states was necessarily a gradual process. In 1933 there was only one Valley state, Kentucky, which had a state park system. Today each of the seven states has a park system and a state park division or department. Four states in which most of the TVA developments lie—Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and North Carolina—now have written agreements with TVA under which proposed recreation development of TVA land is reviewed by the state agency before the land is leased. Relations with cities and counties are less clearly defined, but Tennessee has a staff to work directly with local agencies in-

terested in acquiring and developing recreation areas.

Development has been not only along TVA lakes but in other parts of the states as well. Tennessee, for example, now has a ten-year program for establishment of a public park within fifty miles of every county seat.

Campers have a vital interest in these proceedings because they are a part of the plan. Seventeen organizations of clubs have to date obtained areas on TVA lake-shore land for group camps. They range from six to 160 acres each, and while many have not been developed because they were acquired during the war, most of them will eventually be fully equipped with necessary accommodations. Leases usually run from 10 to 19 years at a rental of approximately a dollar a year per acre for semi-public agencies such as Boy Scouts and YMCA's and a rate for private clubs based on the appraised value of the property for the intended use.

Four of the present areas are held by Boy Scouts; three by YMCA's; two by church groups; one, the largest, by a military school which plans to develop the area for a summer camp to supplement its regular curriculum; one by a labor union; one by a county agricultural association; and two by county governments for specialized use. Three are in the hands of sportsmen's clubs which use the facilities as headquarters for hunting and fishing parties.

Creation of a 184-mile-long lake by Kentucky Dam, near the mouth of the Tennessee River, has aroused additional interest in the western Kentucky and Tennessee region. Both Boy and Girl Scouts are among groups which have applied for leases of TVA land in that area.

There is one unusual feature about these camps. In nearly all cases they adjoin other TVA land which is also open to the public for hiking, fishing, hunting and occasional camping which does not interfere with other permitted uses, such as boat docks or planted crops. The camp area in effect is thus widened, so far as group activities are concerned.

One of the oldest of these lake-

shore camps is operated by Boy Scouts of the East Tennessee Council. Camp Pellissippi which has an area of 119 acres on Norris Lake, was leased ten years ago. It is on a wooded promontory with access to a wide expanse of lake and adjacent to miles of other open shore land. The Scouts have their own swimming pool in a floating wooden raft anchored within an arm of the lake, and camp buildings and recreation area on the shore.

In addition to these leased areas, which require considerable capital for development, there are group camps within some lake-shore parks where groups may rent facilities for periods of several weeks during summers. Big Ridge Park on Norris Lake has such a camp accommodating about 100 persons. It has been rented by such organizations as the Knoxville Girl Scouts, who have the use of the 45-acre constant-level lake at the park for swimming and canoeing, as well as the larger Norris Lake for sailboating. Farther down the Valley is a group camp at Pickwick Park, in western Tennessee near the Mississippi border. Camp buildings there can house approximately 100 persons at a time.

State parks, too, have made similar provisions. Some of these are on the TVA lakes, others scattered throughout the Valley. Tennessee alone has fourteen parks, seven of them with group camps. Other Valley states are developing similar programs which extend well beyond the confines of the region.

This encouragement to camping has awakened new enthusiasm on all sides. Probably one of the most significant results was a leadership training course held last summer under the auspices of the Tennessee Department of Conservation's Division of State Parks. All interested groups were invited to send camp leaders to a two-week school at Falls Creek State Park, and practically all organizations in the state which operate or plan to operate group camps responded. Instructors and advisers drawn from nearly a score of national organizations were eloquent in their praise. So successful was the ven-

ture that Tennessee expects to make it an annual event.

"This was the first time in history," declared William H. Hay, director of state parks, "that camp leaders from all the different groups that have camping activities have been brought together to learn what they could from each other. In the past each group such as YMCA, the two scout organizations, church groups and others have trained their own camp leaders in their own technique."

Under the direction of such

nationally known authorities as Reynold Carlson, Field Representative, National Recreation Association; Bernard S. Mason, noted lecturer and author of many books on camping and recreation and authority in the field of Indian lore and woodcraft; Mrs. Kendall Bryan, Camp Consultant, Girl Scouts; representatives of the YWCA, Red Cross, and others, the camp leaders were given demonstrations of the most advanced technique of camp management and instruction.

Those who attended regarded



GIRL SCOUTS of Knoxville, Tenn., enjoying the swimming facilities of a group camp at Big Ridge Park on an arm of Norris Lake.

Indicative of the ever-increasing interest in and expansion of camping is Hugh Hoss' article on camping in the Tennessee Valley. The TVA as an integral part of its program, has provided campsites and camping facilities, and made camping not only possible but enjoyable in the Valley. Through Maurice Henle, Chief of the Tennessee Valley Authority Information Service, we were able to secure Mr. Hoss' informative article and photographs. Mr. Hoss is attached to the Reservoir Property Management Department of TVA.

the course as particularly helpful in its exchange of ideas between the organizations. Mrs. Chester Marsh of the National staff of Girl Scouts expressed it this way:

"Having a number of different organizations working together gives understanding of the objectives of the different organizations in a way that could not possibly be obtained otherwise. It will also permit the exchange of leaders between organizations."

While this article is most concerned with group camping activities, there is also the individual camper to be considered. It is possible right now for a canoeist to shove off from Knoxville and spend several weeks paddling leisurely down the series of lakes, halting each night at a convenient inlet on publicly-owned shore land. The principal difficulty so far is that best spots for such casual overnight camping are not marked and one unfamiliar with the region would find himself a pioneer searching for the wilderness between stretches of civilization.

Perhaps an organization similar to the Appalachian Trail Conference would be the answer; a series of local clubs interested in such camping opportunities could be responsible for marking successive stretches of lake front and indicating the spots on maps, while an over-all organization of clubs gave the movement coordination direction. The service afforded by such volunteer groups could well be made available to any interested visitors as well as to local members through certain arrangements.

No such movement has yet appeared, but persons within TVA to whom the suggestion was made appeared to think TVA would look with favor on such an organization and would assist it in many ways.

Fame is a vapor, popularity an accident, riches take wings. Only one thing endures and that is character.

—Horace Greeley

In developing your camp

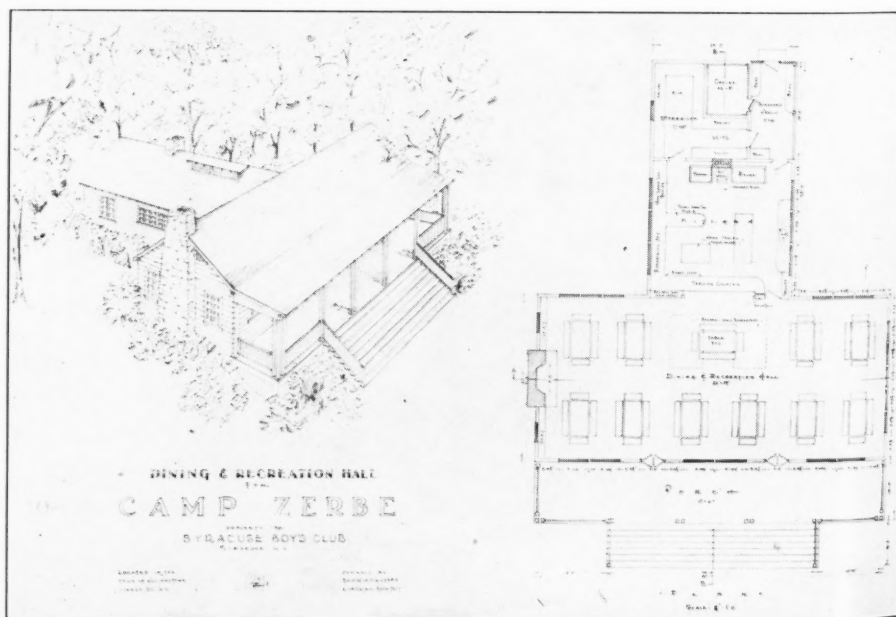
HAVE A MASTER PLAN

IN THIS PERIOD of intensive postwar planning, a strong plea should be made for use of Master Plans in connection with the development of organized camps. A Master Plan portrays by word and drawing the ultimate development of a campsite, balancing the factors of site, topography, capacity, structures, program and all the other conditions that influence physical layout of the camp.

It makes no difference whether one is working toward a primitive camp or a highly developed one. Master planning is as essential to selection of an overnight campsite as it is to location of a centralized dining hall. It is as necessary to layout of nature trails as it is to location of entrance and service roads. It is as interested in control and use of springs as it is with development of an elaborate water-supply system.

Hand-to-mouth, day-to-day planning will not produce a good camp layout. Careful thought and study with a long-range viewpoint can. The average organized camp might well be defined as a conglomeration of unrelated structures unhappily located in an unsuitable area. This condition is the result of one thing—lack of intelligent planning.

Planning should begin with **selection** of the campsite. Selection is emphasized since the root of evil usually begins here. Without factual data to prove the point, it is safe to say that most organized camps operated by public agencies are located on areas donated or sold to them for a nominal sum for reasons other than the value of the area for camping. Many private camps are in the same position. Most of the subsequent headaches could have been avoided if these "gift

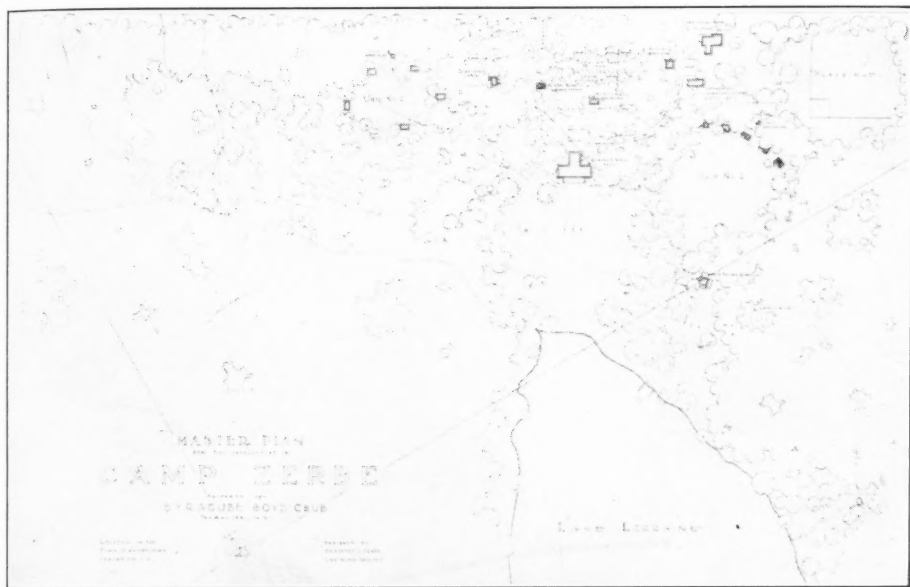


MASTER PLAN drawing showing details of a camp structure.

MASTER PLAN

By Bradford G. Sears

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Consultant Landscape and Recreational Engineer.



GENERAL Development Plan for a two-unit camp.

horses" had been looked squarely in the mouth.

The list of factors that should be considered in the selection of site is much too long to include here but mention of accessibility, privacy, size of area, general elevation, topography, forest cover, water features and site hazards will give a general picture of their nature.

Upon the site is superimposed the Master Plan. Since graphic expression is the universal language, this usually resolves itself into a series of drafted plans showing proposed camp layout and the details of design and construction of each of its facilities.

The first step must be preparation of the General Development Plan. This sets forth the location and inter-relationship of all elements to be included in the ultimate development of the campsite. It should show boundaries of the area; its topography, both existing and with proposed revisions; location of all structures,

roads, trails, planting, water developments, etc.; in fact, any visible object that will assume some importance in the operation and program of the camp. Likened it, if you will, to an aeroplane view of the completed campsite.

It is here the basic value of a Master Plan can make itself evident. Have you ever built a camp structure, be it a dining hall, cabin or wash house, in what seemed at the time to be its best location, only to find a few years later that in the development of the camp it had proved to be entirely misplaced? Have you ever developed a site in one corner of the property only to find that in the years of camp expansion you have followed the footsteps of the man who painted himself into a corner of a room? Have you ever tried to accommodate 75 persons on a site whose saturation point was 50? These things can be avoided by planning.

A Master Plan can show maximum capacity of the site—and it

must be emphasized that each site has a definite maximum which must not be exceeded if real value is to be accrued from a camping experience. In parks this is called "scenic saturation," a point up to which the area can sustain the persons using it without any permanent harm being done to its character, but beyond which permanent harm will occur, together with destruction of the very features which made the site originally so desirable.

Harmony and simplicity of structures, together with their individual settings, constitute an important visible part of a well designed camp. Efficient location of all facilities and their relationship to each other is perhaps not so evident to the casual eye, but from the standpoint of camp operation assumes a position of even greater importance.

Each campsite is an individual problem of design. There is no standard plan that will fit all developments. The amount of physical development and the correct relation of structures to each other must grow from the site and from the type of camp program that is to be pursued. The National Park Service in its publication "Organized Camp Facilities" offers a valuable source of information on desirable minimum standards. "Digest of Laws affecting Organized Camping," by the same Service, is another worthwhile reference. Health laws and standards of the state in which the camp is located will have a direct bearing on some features of the layout.

It should be emphasized that a Master Plan is not a rigid, inviolate thing. It is a living instrument within whose basic framework changes can be made to

meet changing needs of the development it directs. No design is ever finished. A little more thought can always improve it. Nor is a Master Plan a pretty pipe dream to be filed away and forgotten. To be effective it must work and be worked on.

Master Plan drawings are best supplemented by written documents which contain descriptions of conditions and reasons for the existence, location and design of each feature. Alternatives may be suggested and questions raised. Type of camp program for which the design is fitted may well be outlined. Past history of the campsite will often prove of value.

The elaborateness and completeness of a Master Plan is somewhat a matter of choice. A General Development Plan with

its supplementary statement is of prime necessity. Beyond this would be individual design of all facilities shown. Each structure should be planned in detail and construction drawings made. Details of water supply and sewage disposal systems should be worked out and presented.

Plan For Planting

A planting plan showing arrangement of trees, shrubs and vines on the campsite is sometimes indicated, especially if much planting needs to be done to reclaim abandoned farm land. Detailed planting plans for each structure are occasionally desirable to insure proper blending of buildings into their surroundings. Native plant materials should be used in all cases. Exotic species have no place in an organized camp.

Of great value is a planned order of development. For every campsite there is a preferable order of construction of facilities that will best service the needs of the camp during its period of development. For example, if a dining hall is planned, it should certainly precede a nature lodge or an administration building in order of construction. However, the dining hall must itself be preceded or paralleled by construction of water-supply, sewage disposal and service-road facilities. Those facilities of which there is some question as to their actual need in the camp plan should be left until last. Subsequent development of the camp program may prove them superfluous.

Presentation of Plans

A word should be said about presentation of plans. Rough sketches and notes written in longhand are as capable of producing a good job of planning as the most elaborately prepared drawings. The ability of the camp planner and sagacity of the persons who carry out its development are much more important. Let it be said, however, that carefully and attractively prepared master plan drawings are a distinct advantage. They give an impression of careful thought and study and are most likely to be given the credence of an official document. They perform an excellent service in acquainting new personnel with the planned development of the campsite and prevent snap judgments and hare-brained ideas from destroying the efficiency and value of the long range plan. Furthermore, for those camps whose development depends largely upon generous public contributions, well presented plans will encourage financial participation much more readily than a sketch on the back of an old envelope.

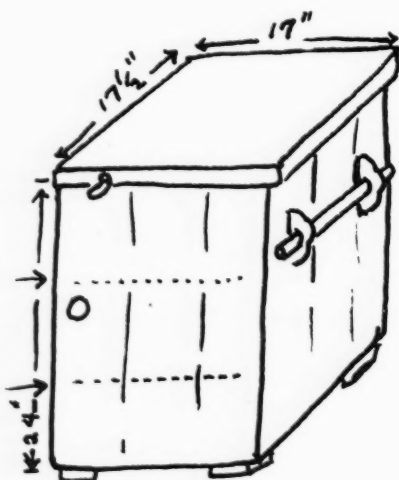
No matter, then, whether the thought and effort required to produce far-reaching successful camp plans are contributed by those immediately concerned or whether development is entrusted to a competent camp designer, the main point is to plan well and plan wisely. This can best be done through Master Planning.

Good Idea!

A round-up of ideas which have helped other camp directors and may help you too. How about your camp? Tell us about the new wrinkles, kinks, gadgets and ideas you have found helpful. We'll pass them along to others through this column, giving credit to the author of each "Good Idea!" used.

Personal Locker

FOR PACKING and shipping personal clothing and supplies—for storage of these items



while in camp—for compact neatness in the appearance of tents, Catholic Girl Guides, Gouby, Quebec, use lockers like that shown in the accompanying sketch.

Made of wood in the dimensions shown, each locker has two interior shelves, as indicated by arrows and dotted lines. Handles on the sides are made from dowels or old broom handles, and also serve as towel racks while the owner is in camp.

These lockers were made by a local carpenter and painted by the girls, before camp, in their patrol colors.

Just think of it!—no battered suitcases under the beds! No wet equipment on the floor!



Is Nature Work a Knotty Problem in Your Camp?

By Dorothy Bliss

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LAST MONTH, at the ACA convention, I attended the discussion group on development of a nature-lore program "that captures the interest of campers." As the meeting proceeded, it became obvious that one of the most rewarding facets of camp life is at the same time one of the least understood and most abused by well-meaning camp counselors and directors. Nature work is considered among the knottiest "problems" of camping education. Directors desire sincerely to make to their camp-

ers a unique contribution, that of sympathetic understanding of the natural world, understanding which can be developed best in an environment remote from the distractions of city life. They are thwarted, however, by the regrettable but firmly rooted attitude of many adults and children that nature work is silly, undignified, slightly queer, and surely unworthy of the attention of red-blooded, sophisticated Americans.

Nature work is not a problem; it can become the core of a well-balanced camp program. It can

be the most popular activity offered by the camp. It can appeal to the most intellectual, the most athletic, the most socially minded, the most red-blooded, and the most sophisticated girl or boy in camp — if, and only if, it is approached with sensible and simple realization that it is not an activity to be relegated to a morning or an afternoon class period but rather an integral part of a total experience which we may term the experience of outdoor living.

For many years camp directors

and staffs have been satisfied with a feeling of reasonable accomplishment in nature work if at the close of their camp season they could watch their campers depart from camp with pinned insects, pressed ferns, rustic bird houses, and other tangible evidences of an outdoor summer. But let me slip into your mental projector a picture of departing campers who are carrying nothing in their arms but who are taking much in their minds: memories of and love for woodland plants and animals; understanding of the ways of the out-of-doors; confidence in their own ability to live out-of-doors, to face its hardships and to appreciate its beauties.

Such a mental Kodachrome will be composed of essential elements—tanned, healthy, eager, happy children homeward bound. Instead of a clutter of “things” in their hands, there will be deep within them the precious qualities of understanding and appreciation of the out-of-doors.

Here is what each camper should take home with him:

Not a dead cicada, but the clear memory of its insistent, buzzing crescendo piercing the hot July air. Not an empty bird house, but the haunting echo of a hermit thrush's flute-like song oft repeated in the deep shadows of virgin spruce. Not a faded cardinal flower, but a vivid image of its flaming beauty growing tall and straight on a pebbly, wave-washed shore. Not dead mementos of occasional days of stalking rare flowers and hapless insects, but living, dynamic memories of a summer in which every day was a vital experience out-of-doors.

A full, mature program should be a means to a full, outdoor life. That should be its purpose and its goal. Each camper should learn how to live out-of-doors in open-minded appreciation of what it has to offer. The problem which will lie before camp directors as they reopen their camps this summer will be that of making relaxed, cooperative, friendly out-of-door living possible for every camper. The summer

should speak only one word: INTEGRATE. Integrate your nature program with every conceivable camp activity. Weave the fiber of nature work into the warp and woof of camp life. Make out-of-door living really come into your camp, so that sailing counselor, waterfront counselor, music counselor, craft counselor and the others find themselves unconsciously involved. Make nature study in camp the natural activity



YOUNG cormorants snapped in their nests at Penobscot Bay.

should not be a hot-weather continuation of a winter of physical and mental competition. There may be swimming meets, tennis tournaments, and horse shows, but the nature counselors should be encouraged to fill in the other side of the balance sheet and emphasize group leadership instead of individual skill, the playing of the game instead of the victory.

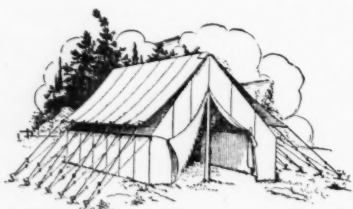
How can this be done? In answer to that question, I need

that it should be, that it will be if it becomes an integral part of camp life.

The most rewarding form of integration is that of nature and campcraft. On a trip campers see new birds, trees, flowers, rock formations, minerals, clouds, water life. Questions form in their minds. The nature counselor should be there to answer and encourage. Sometimes a campcraft counselor joins what is primarily

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a nature trip and thus expands, for example, an early morning bird trip into a cook-out breakfast.

Ideally every trip that goes out of camp should have nature and campcraft counselors as co-leaders. Campers will not think of an exciting excursion as a nature "walk" or a campcraft "class." The words "nature" and "campcraft" will be used less frequently as the artificial barrier between the two is removed. Complete fusion of nature and campcraft into one field, outdoor living, is a satisfying and real triumph.

In six summers of nature counseling at a private girls' camp in Maine, this philosophy of nature education has gradually evolved. For the first year or so, we followed a conventional routine of teaching common flowers, birds, ferns and fresh-water life as fields related among themselves but not to other activities. Suddenly the aimlessness of such a "program" became plain and with it emerged the logic of integrating campcraft and nature. The bond has become ever firmer till today Camp Merestead has a Ranger Department. Although composed of several counselors more specialized in nature instruction and other counselors particularly experienced in overnight and day camping, the department functions as a unit. A nature class or a campcraft activity is an unknown thing. Ranger work is a popular and accepted part of camp life.

Why is it called Ranger work? Roger's Rangers, you may recall, were as born to the forests and fields. Always at home in their outdoor environment, adapted almost as animals to their primitive mode of existence, they became known as the most successful Indian fighters of their day. They really knew how to live in the out-of-doors. We believe our campers also know how to live out-of-doors when they have completed a summer of Ranger work.

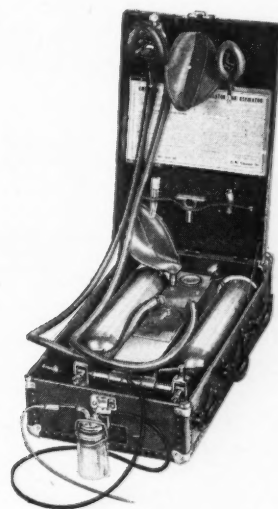
What does Ranger work include? How are campers imbued with the fundamentals of outdoor living? What does accomplishment imply?



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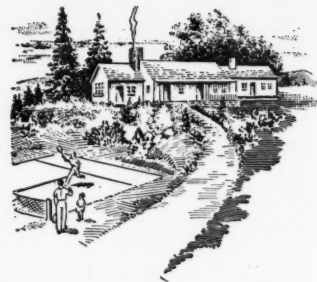
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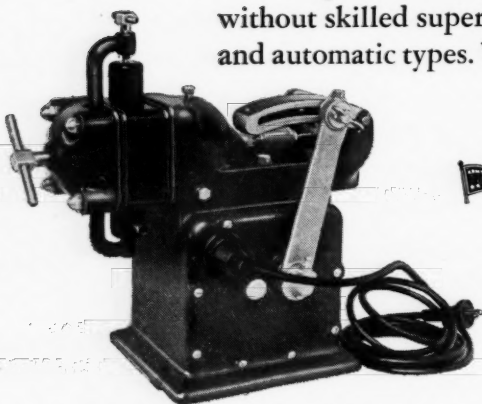
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LAUGHING gulls circling over their nesting grounds at Little Green Island, off the Maine Coast.

to her inspection and that of her fellow campers.

A Woodcrafter chart, on which are listed many activities suited to a program of outdoor living, remains posted throughout the season. A camper may do intensive, high-quality work in a few activities or extensive, less-probing work in many of these activities. But each camper who achieves a Woodcrafter rating must have accomplished satisfactory work in enough activities to be capable of caring for herself in the woods and to have acquired an understanding of the natural world and its problems. In other words, she will have assimilated some campcraft skills, some nature lore, and many of the principles of conservation, life saving and first aid. Only then is she considered to have qualified as one who knows how to live successfully and appreciatively out-of-doors.

If this camper should show a sense of responsibility for a group and a certain aptitude for its management, she is given every opportunity under supervision to be in charge of leading small groups of younger campers in Ranger activities, whether that activity be proper packing of duffle in a canoe, identification of birds by song and field mark, building of a campfire, recognition of poisonous plants, observation and forecasting of weather, gathering of data for a camp

map, studying of a marine chart, or giving advice as to which plants may be picked for mounting and which must be left intact if our natural heritage is to be preserved. When a girl shows herself a leader in the out-of-doors, she receives formal recognition as Trailer.

From the list given in the preceding paragraph of typical Ranger activities, it may be seen that no camp department can escape being drawn into this type of nature program. Campcraft is an integral part of it. Waterfront finds itself called upon again and again to provide instruction and advice as to the best techniques of paddling in smooth and rough water, of handling a canoe when loaded, of portaging. Sailing counselors help to lead sailing overnights and participate, perhaps for the first time in their lives, in the study of stars while lying warm and snug within their blanket rolls. Music counselors find inescapable attraction in the evanescence and ethereal quality of the songs of the thrush and may be granted unusual opportunities for leading informal singing during precious hours around a campfire. No craft work is better fitted for camp than the making of leaf prints, birch-bark articles, animal pens.

There remains a problem which no amount of discussion as to program ideals will resolve: where may trained leaders be

Naturally

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found? In this country there are several excellent nature centers organized for the training of leaders in nature education. The Audubon Nature Camp in Maine and the Audubon Nature Center at Greenwich, Conn., are two. Special college courses, including summer and extension courses, are available. One may enroll in nature courses for counselors such as are offered in Boston under the auspices of the All-Boston Camping Institute. Girl and Boy Scouting trains many young people in the practical skills of the out-of-doors.

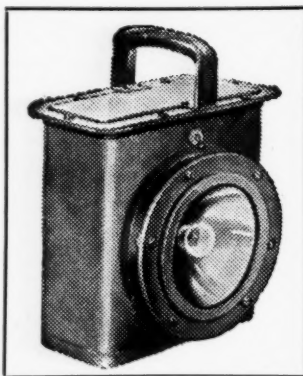
An encouraging aspect of nature education today is the growth of nature training movements and their support by the public. However, unless nature counselors recognize the valid aims of camp nature work — teaching campers about their natural environment so that they will feel safe and at home in it, appreciate it, enjoy it and conserve it — no amount of technical instruction by agencies such as suggested above can give them what they need for successful nature work. Until they realize that the skills, appreciation and enjoyment of outdoor living are the ends toward which all nature education should be directed, they will fail. Their program will be

mediocre and will produce mediocre results.

However, it should be remembered that nothing is more important to the success of a nature program than the unqualified backing of your chosen nature counselor by you who are directors of camps. Only when you are convinced that nature is an invaluable part of the out-of-door life you are trying to give your campers, only when you so guide the thinking of your campers and counselors, will your nature counselor succeed. He deserves your support. The benefits to be derived from that support will surpass your present hopes. You will find yourself and your camp moving smoothly along the road toward six goals of nature education, as recorded by the discussion group at the ACA Convention:

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2. To give experience in the joy of learning.
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Girl Scouts, New York

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The board of directors, at the national convention held in Boston last month, accepted a responsibility to do something about this responsibility, and authorized an International Relations Committee. The committee is in the embryo stage as yet, but as it grows it is hoped it will function according to some plan such as that outlined below.

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d—To work with international organizations in this country to insure good practices, to coordinate activities but to prevent duplication of effort.

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b—Carrying out projects, such as sending publications and other help to professional groups.

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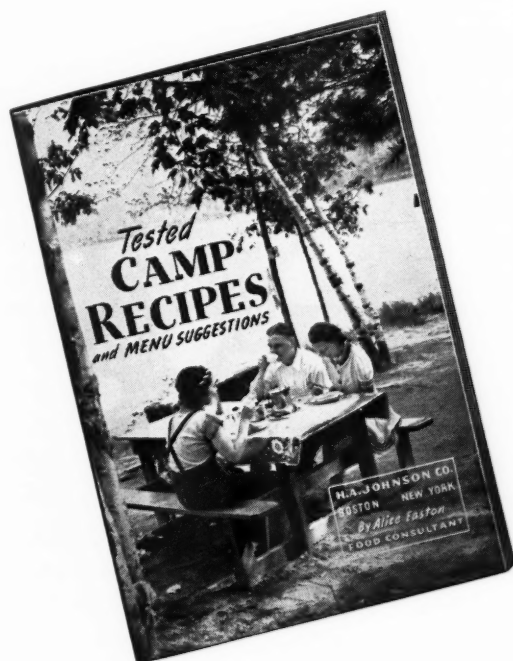
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If you are interested in helping send books on camping and related subjects to Czechoslovakia, Greece, France, etc., write to Miss Ida Oppenheimer, 228 Second Ave., New York City 2. This is a project of the New York section of ACA.

If you are interested in helping camping in Greece, write to Near East Foundation, 17 West 46th St., New York City. This agency is working with UNRRA to continue Government-organization projects carried out last summer.

If you are members of International agencies, like the Y's and Scouts, investigate possibilities in your own agencies. If you have any suggestions, questions, or whatever, on International Relations, please send them to Catherine Hammett, Girl Scouts, 155 East 44th St., New York City 17, Chairman of the ACA International Relations Committee.

And watch for more world-wide news next month!

Camp Week Plans Progressing

Plans for the observance of North American Boys and Girls Camp Week April 27 to May 4 received enthusiastic endorsement of the ACA Board of Directors at the Boston Convention, it is reported by Lewis C. Reimann, Chairman, ACA Public Relations Committee.

The responsibility for carrying out detailed plans for the "Week" rests with the chairmen of Section Public Relations Committees and with Section Presidents. Complete information and directives have been sent to each Chairman and President, in order that they may implement the plan to reach each community where camps operate or originate.

All youth-serving agencies which operate camps are urged to include it in their program and request their local organizations to cooperate in observing the "Week." Many national agencies have already committed themselves to active cooperation.

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Wisconsin Plans Institute

Wisconsin Section will hold a camp directors and camp counselors institute at Camp Indianola, near Madison, on May 17-18-19, according to announcement in a recent issue of the Section's publication.

The meeting will be open to members of the Wisconsin Camping Assn., camp directors and prospective camp counselors. It is anticipated that several commercial firms will exhibit products which they make for camps; the committee reports that there will be plenty of exhibit space, and suggests that exhibitors' inquiries be sent to Peter H. Norg, 610 State St., Madison, Wis.

Tri-State Moves Ahead

Ward E. Akers, Scout Executive of the Eastern Arkansas Council, who was elected president of the newly chartered Tri-State Section, as reported in last month's issue, has named the following committee chairmen: Membership, Ken Oliver; Program, Mrs. John Soyars; Staff Training, Lenora Mann; Counselor Recruiting, Ellen Correll; Publicity, Corrine Gale.

The next meeting of this section is scheduled for April 26-27. It will be held at Shelby Forest, with Mrs. John Soyars in charge of the program. The meeting will include a report from delegates to

the ACA national convention, practical demonstration of program skills, and practice in campcraft. Camp administration and care of equipment and property will form the basis of a discussion of the group.

June 10-14 are the dates set for a staff training camp to be sponsored by the Section at Shelby Forest. The training course will be planned and directed by the Staff Training Committee, under the leadership of Miss Lenora Mann.

Goals Listed for New Yorkers

Nine goals for camping for the next decade were listed for members of the New York Section at their 1946 conference, held in

January, by Dr. Hendley S. Dimock. They are:

Recovering and extending the ground lost in camping standards.

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Consolidating and extending gains in the camp program of war years. This means retaining some of the features of work camps, better developed program for adolescents, encouraging coeducational camping, emphasizing simple camp living.

Improving group methods and processes, by finding leadership with insight into the needs of individuals and groups.

Defining and clarifying educational and professional aspects of camping.

Recognizing the time in which we live and the urgent need for cooperation and understanding. Camping must be inter-racial, inter-religious, international.

The Section's March meeting was held March 8 at Hotel Pennsylvania, in connection with the Camp Pow-Wow.

Please put Camping Magazine on the mailing list of your Section. We are anxious to report fully and accurately the activities of all sections; much of the information, naturally, is obtained from the regular monthly Section bulletins. If you don't publish a regular bulletin, please drop the editor a letter each month, before the 15th, telling him what's going on in your Section. Thanks.

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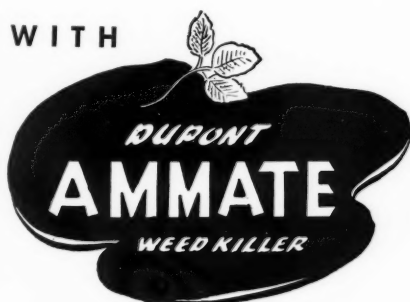
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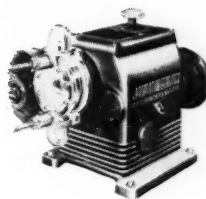
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Across the ACA Desk

By Thelma Patterson

Executive Secretary

Well, the convention is over. And what a grand convention it was! We welcome the following officers elected at the annual meeting in Boston:

Vice-President (two year term), Elmer F. Ott. Mr. Ott has been a member of the Executive Committee of ACA for two years as Treasurer. Director of camps for the North Central Area of the National Council YMCA, he is also membership chairman of the Wisconsin Section.

Secretary (one year term), Mrs. Chauncey P. Hulbert. Mrs. Hulbert has also been a member of the Executive Committee of ACA for two years as Secretary. She is President of the New England Section and director of Lanakila Camp of the Aloha Camps, in New England.

Treasurer (two year term), Victor L. Alm. Mr. Alm has been a member of the Executive Committee as Finance Chairman of ACA for two years. He is Director of Development and Maintenance of the Chicago Boy Scout Camps and Vice-President of the Chicago Section.

This election makes the final adjustment of the election schedule according to the revised constitution (February 1, 1945). Officers will be elected for two year terms, with President and Secretary elected one year and Vice-President and Treasurer on alternate years.

We wish to express the sincere appreciation of ACA membership to Harvie J. Boorman, retiring Vice-President, who has served ACA well in many capacities over a long period of time. He will continue as chairman of the Personnel Committee and participate actively in the work of ACA. His fine spirit and ability have won him many friends in our association.

An Appreciation

Mere words cannot express our deep appreciation to every member of the New England Section who worked with devotion over a two-year period to give us such a fine convention. All of ACA wishes to say "thank-you" for a wonderful time in Boston, the gracious hospitality, the excellent program and the real "lift" all attending received from this convention. Another thank-you for all of the Just Plain Hard Work.

About Surplus Property

Howard Patton of the National Headquarters, Boy Scouts of America, has accepted the responsibility of advisory member to ACA on Surplus Properties. Our office will try, with Mr.

Patton's assistance, to keep you informed as to the status of this program for camping people, by bulletins from time to time.

Your executive represented ACA at a meeting in Washington, February 4, with the representative of Federal Security Agency and representatives of all national social and welfare agencies. This meeting was for the purpose of assisting in planning for better distribution of these materials and to present the needs of groups represented.

Membership in ACA

We have new ACA Membership Information and Application folders ready for distribution. These will be sent from our office soon with a letter of explanation and request for information. The application form has been changed to give the same information as is on the Membership Record Card recently sent out. If all will use these from now on, it will facilitate matters in keeping our records of each membership in good form as they come in.

A reminder: The Board of Directors voted at the annual meeting to amend the By-Laws as to the name of two of our membership classifications. Active membership is changed to Individual, and Associate membership is changed to Student (or Counselor). We hope that all Sections will use the ACA Membership Application folder.

First Aid Kit Announced

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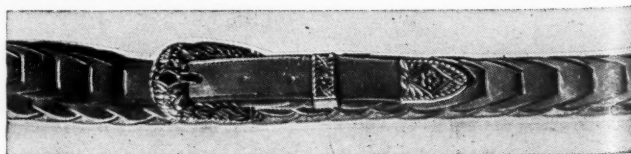
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News Notes

Audubon Offers Courses

At the Audubon Nature Camp, near Medomak, Maine, and at the Audubon Nature Center of Greenwich, Conn., field courses in Nature Study and Conservation will be conducted again, this coming summer, at cost, by the National Audubon Society. These courses will be of great interest to anyone teaching nature study in camps or schools, the purpose being to help teachers understand interrelationships between plants, animals, soil and water through first-hand observation of plant and animal life in a variety of natural habits. The programs of the two camps have been so arranged as to supplement each other, and students attending either one will find much that is new and different in the program of the other.

At the Camp in Maine each session lasts for two weeks, commencing June 14 through Aug. 29.

At the Greenwich, Conn. camp there will be four two-week nature courses and one three-week conservation workshop, as follows:

June 10—June 22—Bird Life and Bird Conservation.

June 24 — July 6 — Nature Counselors Course.

July 8—July 20—Elementary Ecology Course.

July 29—Aug. 17—Conservation workshop.

Aug. 19—Aug. 31—Advanced Ecology and Wildlife Management.

The number of campers each period at the Medomak camp is

restricted to approximately 50 and at the Greenwich camp to approximately 25, in order that each may receive the benefit of ample personal guidance.

An illustrated folder will be sent to anyone requesting such information. Inquiries should be addressed to Summer Sessions, National Audubon Society, 1006 Fifth Avenue, New York 28.

Film Unit Formed

To make available urgently needed new visual educational resources, the National Council of the YMCA Motion Picture Bureau has recently established a film production unit, named "Association Films," which, working in collaboration with "Look" Magazine, has made a thorough study to determine the interests and needs for 16mm films in schools, camps and other groups using motion pictures. As a result of their studies, the two organizations have formed a producing-distributing team that will launch a special series of 16mm films, produced by established film production companies.

1-2-3 Plans Expansion

The One-Two-Three Mixer Co., 150 Varick St., New York City, in announcing a program of unprecedented expansion for 1946, will present its new streamlined 1-2-3 Mixer package, which should be available immediately. A special three-bottle package has been designed exclusively for the institutional trade. One of the features of this package is the addition of a vitamin-booster bot-

tle, which it is said will enable the user to gain the benefit of this vital food factor in everything in which the 1-2-3 Mixer is used.

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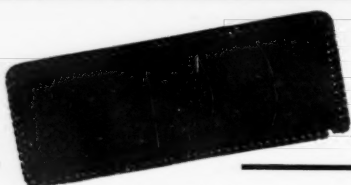
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Mr. and Mrs. MacJannet have conducted an American school and a summer camp in France for more than 20 years.

This coming spring and summer the French governmental agency carrying the responsibility of saving the children from disastrous physical and spiritual effects of war and privation has asked the MacJannets to create a model camp which would give invaluable aid in the training of camp leaders to direct the expansion of camping which is planned.

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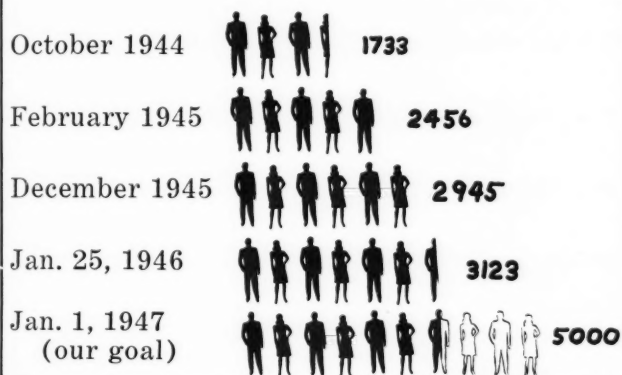
ACA Shows Good Growth in Membership

By Ray E. Bassett

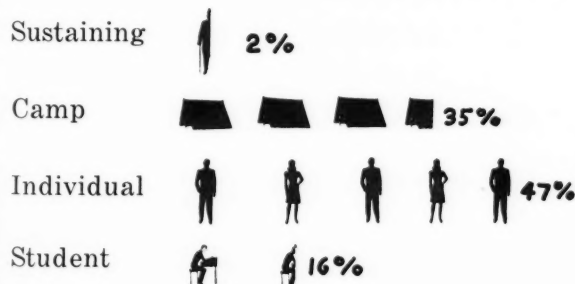
Now that the ACA Convention in Boston is over, let's all get on the band wagon and help put over this Membership Drive with a Bang!

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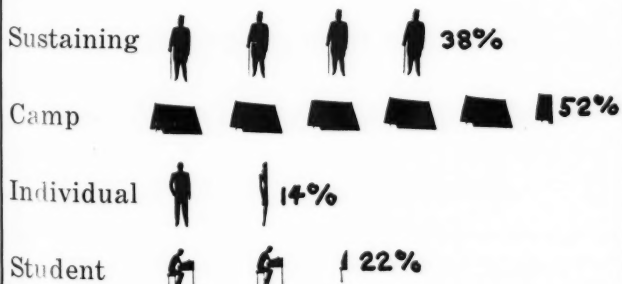
How ACA Membership Grows
(Each figure represents 500 members)



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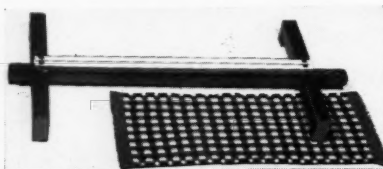
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Resource Material in Camping

Things to Make from Odds and Ends

By Jessie Robinson. Published by Appleton
Century, 1945. \$2.00.

This little book contains some excellent ma-
terial on natural handcraft, using such varied
materials as pine needles, twigs, nuts, seeds and
shells. In addition, there is an interesting ap-
proach, with such terminology as "Scissors
painting," to describe ways to make attractive,
easy cutouts, to be used in a variety of ways.
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and bits of cloth are used effectively and with
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The Lost Woods

By Edwin Way Teale. Dodd Mead, 1945.
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Subtitled his book "Adventures of a Natural-
ist," and illustrating it with more than two hun-
dred photographs taken by himself, Mr. Teale
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Wood-Fire and Candle-Light

By Mary S. Edgar, MacMillan, 1945, \$2.00.

Written by one of our own ACA members,
this volume presents a collection of the poems
Miss Edgar has written for her campers during
the many years she has conducted Glen Bernard
Camp in northern Ontario. The poems include
a wide variety of subjects, ranging from fairies
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Group Experience—The Democratic Way

By Bernice Baxter and Rosalind Cassidy, New
York. Association Press, 1945. \$2.50.

"To assist young men and women who are in

the process of preparing to guide youth towards responsible citizenship in a democracy" is part of the opening statement outlining the purpose of this book. Dr. Baxter, both in her professional capacity and in her volunteer capacity as National President of the Camp Fire Girls, Inc., has had wide experience in this field.

The book is divided into two parts, the first containing material on the aim and scope of the kind of leadership necessary in an interdependent world as well as on developing ways in which the group process can help build up skills needed for cooperative living.

The second section develops this theme by showing how training for youth can be carried out in the community, using case studies as illustrations. The book should be especially interesting to those beginning in the camping field, but also helpful to those with more experience.

School Nature League Bulletin

Published by National Audubon Society, 1006 Fifth Ave., New York. Subscription \$1.00 a year (10 issues) \$1.50 for two years.

These pamphlets are written by staff members of museums of natural history throughout the country, as well as by members of the National Audubon Society staff, and are illustrated with excellent photographs and sketches.

They are the right size to fit into the Camping Index, and would be an addition to your camp nature material. An order form and catalog of past publications still available may be secured from the Society.

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Two is a Team

By Lorraine and Jerrold Beim. Illustrated by Ernest Crichlow. Published by Harcourt, Brace and Co., 1945. \$1.75.

This book, written on the child's level, is the story of two little boys who learn that more is accomplished by cooperation than by working separately. The story does not mention anywhere that one of the boys is a Negro, but the pictures show this.

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